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ABSTRACT

Written for researchers and clinicians, this book integrates key perspectives in order to illuminate common beliefs about core processes of emotional development. The book is divided into three parts. Part 1 discusses the nature of emotional development. Topics covered here include: (1) questions relevant in a developmental assessment of emotions; (2) conceptual issues in the study of emotion; and (3) emotion and the organization of development. Part 2 discusses the unfolding of emotion. Topics here include: (1) emotions as constructs and "stages" in the development of affect; (2) the development of joy and fear; (3) the interdependence of affect and cognition; and (4) meaning, evaluation, and emotion. Part 3 discusses emotional development and individual adaptation. Topics here include: (1) the social nature of emotional development; (2) attachment; (3) the emergence of the autonomous self; and (4) the growth of self-regulation. (Contains 427 references.) (JW)

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